

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2189**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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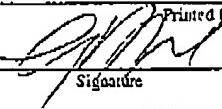
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
June 19, 2003**

ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of June 19, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

Applicant notes that this amendment is submitted in the revised format published by the USPTO on January 31, 2003 and published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003 titled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."